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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to Examination and in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.